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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE Environmental Quality Committee

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue

This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible

7:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Fred Bialy; Vice-Chair Pamela Austin; Members Howdy Goudey, Heather Hayashi, Sean O’Connor, Eleanor Pilling Chappellear (Youth Member), Sheila Tarbet
2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** *(Estimated time: 5 minutes)*
Remarks are typically limited to three minutes per person, and may be on anything within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. Remarks on non-agenda items will be heard first. Remarks on agenda items will be heard at the time the item is discussed.
3. **COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS** *(5 min.)*
Staff and/or Council Liaison Rebecca Saltzman may report on policies, priorities, and actions taken by the City Council, and/or on matters of general interest to the EQC.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** *(5 min.)*
Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the EQC meetings held on September 9, 2025 and October 14, 2025.
5. **SUPPORT FOR ELECTRIFY MY BLOCK PROGRAM** *(30 min.)*
Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding support for [Electrify My Block](#).
6. **COLLABORATION WITH THE URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE** *(5 min.)*
Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding collaborating with the City’s Urban Forest Committee.
7. **EQC ANNUAL MEETING CALENDAR** *(10 min.)*
Consider a motion to approve the EQC Calendar for 2026.
 - 2026 Meeting Calendar attached.
8. **EQC BUDGET AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS** *(10 min.)*
Hear updates, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items regarding planning, logistics, and expenditures for the EQC calendar of events, including:
 - Green Team 2025 Cleanups / Broom Pulls:
 - December 7, Sunday, Baxter Creek Park cleanup w/ Baxter Creek volunteers *(Debrief)*
 - Green Team 2026 Cleanups / Broom Pulls
 - 2026 Planning
 - March 7-14, 2026 - Arbor Week
 - April 25, 2026 – El Cerrito Earth Day
 - May 16, 2026 – Spring Citywide Garage Sale
 - July 4th WorldOne Festival

- 9. BRAINSTORMING: WAYS TO INCREASE VOLUNTEER EVENT ATTENDANCE** *(5 min.)*
Participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding outreach to increase volunteer participation and attendance at Green Teams volunteer events.
- 10. LIGHT POLLUTION DISCUSSION** *(15 min)*
Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding light pollution in El Cerrito.
- 11. FY 25-26 & FY 26-27 BIENNIAL WORK PLAN IMPLEMENTATION** *(15 min)*
Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding implementation of the FY 25-26 and FY 26-27 biennial work plan.
- 12. CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN (CAAP) IMPLEMENTATION** *(5 min.)*
Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding implementation of the [Climate Action and Adaptation Plan](#).
- 13. SUPPORT FOR A CLIMATE LITERACY RESOLUTION FOR WCCUSD** *(5 min.)*
Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding support for a [Climate Literacy Resolution](#) for the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD).
- 14. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** *(5 min.)*
Hear committee member announcements and suggestions for future EQC agenda items. Potentially engage in discussion and make decisions regarding logistics of EQC consideration of items including:
 - Youth Engagement; Earth Team
- 15. ADJOURNMENT**

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Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the members regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at the El Cerrito Recycling + Environmental Resource Center (7501 Schmidt Lane) during normal business hours.



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DRAFT MINUTES
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CONVENE REGULAR MEETING Chair Bialy called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Fred Bialy; Members Howdy Goudey, Sean O’Connor, Sheila Tarbet
Absent: Members Pamela Austin, Heather Hayashi, Eleanor Pilling Chappelle (Youth Member) **Also Present:** Christina Leard, Staff Liaison & Valerie Xiong, Management Intern
2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
Public comment was received from Richmond resident Cordell Hindler.
3. **COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**
Staff Liaison Leard provided updates on the following:
 - 1) National Community Survey Launching in El Cerrito
 - 2) Styrofoam collection at the RERC has resumed on Thursdays for EC residents.
 - 3) 43 Dual Stream recycling/trash cans have been installed at parks citywide.
 - 4) New City website & email domain: elcerrito.gov
 - 5) Call for Artists: El Cerrito Creative ReUse (ECCRU) Artist Residency Program
Deadline: October 15, 2025 <http://www.elcerrito.gov/ECCRU>
 - 6) Updated Street sweeping map
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the EQC meeting held on June 10, 2025.
Move/Second: O’Connor/Tarbet **Action:** Passed a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 10, 2025 EQC meetings. **Ayes:** Bialy, Goudey, O’Connor, Tarbet **Noes:** None
5. **COLLABORATION WITH THE URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE**
Urban Forest Committee member Robin Mitchell provided updates from the most recent meeting of the Urban Forest Committee. Public comment was received by El Cerrito resident Cleopatra.
6. **EQC MEMBER APPOINTMENT PROCESS**
This item was pulled from the agenda as there was no longer a need to discuss it.
7. **EQC BUDGET AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS**
Committee members heard updates, participated in discussion, and considered possible action items regarding planning, logistics, and expenditures for the EQC calendar of events, including:
 - Green Team 2025 Cleanups / Broom Pulls:
 - August 3, Sunday, Baxter Creek Park cleanup w/ Baxter Creek volunteers (*Debrief*)
 - September 20, Saturday, [Coastal Cleanup Day](#); Cerrito Creek
 - October 12, Sunday, Northern Gateways cleanup; meet by Del Norte BART (POSSIBLY CANCEL)
 - December 7, Sunday, Baxter Creek Park cleanup w/ Baxter Creek volunteers
 - July 4th WorldOne Festival (*Debrief*)

- October 25, 2025 – [Fall Citywide Garage Sale](#); Registration opened 8/15 and closes 9/24
Public comment was received from El Cerrito resident Cordell Hindler.

8. CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN (CAAP) IMPLEMENTATION

Committee members heard updates, participated in discussion, and considered possible action items regarding implementation of the [Climate Action and Adaptation Plan](#). Public comment was received from Richmond resident Cordell Hindler and El Cerrito resident Cleopatra.

9. SUPPORT FOR A CLIMATE LITERACY RESOLUTION FOR WCCUSD

This item was postponed for discussion to next meeting.

10. BRAINSTORMING: WAYS TO INCREASE VOLUNTEER EVENT ATTENDANCE

Committee members heard updates, participated in discussion, and considered possible action items regarding outreach to increase volunteer participation and attendance at Green Teams volunteer events.

11. EL CERRITO FOODWARE ORDINANCE

Committee members heard updates, participated in discussion, and considered possible action items regarding supporting the implementation of the city's [Expanded Foodware Ordinance](#).

Public comment was received from Richmond resident Cordell Hindler.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Hear committee member announcements and suggestions for future EQC agenda items. Potentially engage in discussion and make decisions regarding logistics of EQC consideration of items including:

- Discussion of the Hillside Natural Area Plan
- Work plan implementation
- Light pollution
- Youth Engagement; Earth Team

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Fred Bialy, Chair

This is to clarify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Environmental Quality Committee meeting of September 9, 2025 as approved by the Environmental Quality Committee.

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DRAFT MINUTES
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Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

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7:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Fred Bialy; Vice-Chair Pamela Austin; Members Howdy Goudey, Sean O’Connor, Eleanor Pilling Chappellear (Youth Member), Sheila Tarbet
Absent: Member Heather Hayashi **Also Present:** Amelia Timbers, Staff Liaison
2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
Public comment was received from Richmond resident Cordell Hindler.
3. **COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**
Staff Liaison Timbers did not provide any updates.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the EQC meeting held on September 9, 2025.
*The motion for approval was not captured, so this item will come back for approval at the December 9, 2025 meeting.
5. **COLLABORATION WITH THE URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE**
Urban Forest Committee member Robin Mitchell provided updates from the most recent meeting of the Urban Forest Committee.
6. **EQC BUDGET AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS**
Committee members heard updates, participated in discussion, and considered possible action items regarding planning, logistics, and expenditures for the EQC calendar of events, including:
 - Green Team 2025 Cleanups / Broom Pulls:
 - September 20, Saturday, [Coastal Cleanup Day](#); Cerrito Creek (*Debrief*)
 - **CANCELED:** October 12, Sunday, Northern Gateways cleanup
 - December 7, Sunday, Baxter Creek Park cleanup w/ Baxter Creek volunteers
 - October 25, 2025 – [Fall Citywide Garage Sale](#)
 - April 25, 2026 – El Cerrito Earth Day
7. **CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN (CAAP) IMPLEMENTATION**
Committee members heard updates, participated in discussion, and considered possible action items regarding implementation of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.
8. **SUPPORT FOR A CLIMATE LITERACY RESOLUTION FOR WCCUSD**
Committee members heard updates, participated in discussion and considered possible action items regarding support for a [Climate Literacy Resolution](#) for the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD).
9. **SUPPORT FOR ELECTRIFY MY BLOCK PROGRAM**
Committee members heard updates, participated in discussion and considered possible action items regarding support for the [Electrify My Block](#) program.

10. BRAINSTORMING: WAYS TO INCREASE VOLUNTEER EVENT ATTENDANCE

Committee members heard updates, participated in discussion and considered possible action items regarding outreach to increase volunteer participation and attendance at Green Teams volunteer events.

11. LIGHT POLLUTION DISCUSSION

Committee members heard updates, participated in discussion and considered possible action items regarding light pollution in El Cerrito.

Chair Bialy appointed members O'Connor and Austin to an ad-hoc subcommittee.

12. HILLSIDE NATURAL AREA PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Committee members heard updates, participated in discussion and considered possible action items regarding implementation of the [Hillside Natural Area Fire Resilience and Forest Conservation Management Plan](#).

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Staff and Committee members provided updates on recent events the EQC has supported and discussed plans for future events in 2025, including:

- Work Plan implementation (December meeting)
- Youth Engagement; Earth Team

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Fred Bialy, Chair

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Christina Leard, Staff Liaison



PROPOSED 2026 Regular Meeting Schedule

City Holiday/Closed
 Regular Meeting
Location: In person at
 Council Chambers
 10890 San Pablo Ave.
Meeting Time: 7:00PM

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

JANUARY

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